

the said cove, then with the said cove and bounding thereon and on the waters of the middle branch to the ferry point on Patapsco river, thence with the waters of the said river, and of the north-west branch of the said river, to the mouth of Harris's creek, and thence with the waters of the said creek to the place of beginning; and all land, houses and improvements, within the said limits and bounds, shall be considered and taken, and hereby are declared to be, Baltimore-town and its precincts."

Transpose the second clause in the eighth page to stand before the last clause in the second page, amended as follows: In the third line of the clause in the eighth page, after "county," strike out to the end of the clause.

Page 3. In the 4th line, after "affirmation," insert "as the case may be." In the 5th line from the bottom, after "alienations," insert "from the first day of January." In the same line strike out "five," and insert "three, to the first meeting of the said commissioners."

Page 4. In the first line strike out "estimated by them." In the next line strike out "law," and insert "this act." In the next line strike out "afterwards," and in the same line strike out "proceed to." In the 7th line, after the word "they," strike out to the word "shall" in the 10th line." In the 5th line from the bottom, after "money," strike out to the word "regarding" in the next line. In the last line, after "quality," insert "and advantages of situation."

Page 5. In the first line, after "price," strike out to the end of the clause, and insert, "and the said commissioners shall then arrange the several tracts or parcels of land in their county into classes, according to the price at which they have valued each tract or parcel of land aforesaid. And the commissioners of the several counties (except Baltimore-county) shall then deduct the value of property in the towns in their county from the amount of the land in their county, and shall afterwards apportion the sum which remains of the amount of the lands, after such deduction, upon the several tracts or parcels of land in their county, as held, possessed or claimed, in such manner that the whole lands in their county, in just proportion according to their relative value, make the sum which remains, of the amount of the whole lands in their county, after the deduction aforesaid, and no more; and the commissioners of Baltimore county shall do the same, excluding Baltimore-town and its precincts, in said county, from their calculation and apportionment."

"And be it enacted, That the persons appointed by the commissioners aforesaid to ascertain the quantities of land in the respective counties, except for Baltimore county, shall ascertain and make a return of the lots and houses in the towns within the county, and by whom held, possessed or claimed, and the rents of such lots and houses, and by whom paid; and the persons appointed as aforesaid shall have power and authority to administer an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to the possessor or holder of such lots and houses, to discover what rent is paid for the same, and shall return an account thereof to the commissioners; and the commissioners of Baltimore-town shall appoint a fit and proper person to ascertain and return all rents, lots, and parcels of ground of all kinds, and houses, buildings and improvements, in said town, who shall have authority to inquire as aforesaid. And the commissioners of the several counties, and of Baltimore-town, respectively, shall examine all former returns of property in the towns, and upon the best information they can get, and view of the premises, if necessary, shall value the ground-rent and real property in the towns aforesaid, according to the rules herein after prescribed."

Before the first clause in the sixth page insert, "And be it enacted, That the commissioners, in estimating estates and interests in lands, shall observe the following rules, to wit, that all lands held or enjoyed immediately by tenants in fee-simple absolute, or fee-simple conditional or executory, or fee-tail, shall be wholly valued to such tenants; and where divers persons have particular estates or interests carved out of the same inheritance, as in dower, or by the courtesy, or for life or years, with reversions or remainders for life, in tail or fee-simple, a just computation thereof shall be made in proportion to the value of their particular interests therein, so that added together they shall amount to the full value of such lands estimated agreeably to the directions of this act, and no more; and the said commissioners shall, in making their computation aforesaid, consider the tenancy in dower, by the courtesy, or for life in possession, or estate for fifteen years without any valuable rent reserved, generally worth half the value of the fee-simple, but they may vary from this general rule as justice may require, considering the age and health of the tenant in dower, by the courtesy or for life, and the chance of the remainder or reversion, or the length of the term for years, and the value of the rent reserved, as the case may be; and if the tenant, or person holding a particular estate or interest shall pay the public the sum valued for the estate or interest of any landlord, reversioner or remainderman, the person so paying may retain the land in his possession until he is repaid, or may have his action against the lessor, reversioner, or remainderman, or his heir, executor or administrator, for the sum he shall pay, as for money paid for his use, or may deduct the money so paid, or any part thereof, out of any rent reserved upon his tenancy; but where a valuable and full rent is reserved, so that the interest of the tenant cannot be considered as valuable, the landlord or person entitled in fee-simple or fee-tail to the land or property from which the rent issues, shall pay on the whole value of the lands, and the tenant in such case paying the public, may retain, deduct, or have his action, as aforesaid."

Page 6. In the 2d line, after "Baltimore," insert "and its precincts." In the 3d line, strike out "lessors of," and insert "persons entitled to." In the same line, strike out "nine," and